



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

I Thessalonians (Part-8) (Chapter 5:23-28)

BELIEVERS WILL BE SANCTIFIED!

&

PAUL'S CLOSING GREETINGS

I Thessalonians 5

Day of the Lord (1-11) ✓

Exhortations for Believer's
conduct & faith (12- 22) ✓

Closing greetings (23-28)



Day of the
Lord

5:11 Comfort others

(Day of the Lord is not for
believers)

5:9 for God hath not appointed
us unto wrath



I Thessalonians 5:23-28)

Sanctification of Believers
(23-24)

Closing Greeting
(25-28)

Prayer & Promise of Sanctification (23-24)

Sanctification: Origin, Meaning, Types, Goal, How, Why, Challenges, Promise

Sanctification ...

Origin

God's expectation from the beginning (not a mystery revealed in NT)

Leviticus 20:7

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.

Sanctification:

Meaning

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (23)

Sanctification:

To be set apart, made holy



Sanctification: Why?

Sanctification is the **will of God**
(4:3)

Holiness is God's will for believers
... deviation from God's will brings
loss in our lives

God hath not **called us** unto
uncleanness, but **unto holiness**
(3:7)

Sanctification:

Types

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1. Positional sanctification

2. Progressive (on-going) sanctification

3. Perfect sanctification



Positional Sanctification

Positional sanctification achieved at Salvation through the work of Cross

II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Hebrews 10:10,14 ... we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Progressive Sanctification ...

a lifetime process,
includes ongoing battle
with flesh/sin

How?: His word, His Spirit, God through Christ

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (Paul's struggle: Romans 7:19-25) (Put to death, Colossians 3:5)

Hebrews 13:20-21 ²⁰ Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Progressing in Sanctification

... biggest challenge

Romans 7:18-24

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. ...²² For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sanctification Perfected

at the Return of
Christ

Philippians 3:20-21

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his **glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

I John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is.

Ephesians 5:27

That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Body, Soul, and Spirit

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (23)

Body – the tent, physical temporary cover (II Corinthians 5:1)

Soul – our emotions, desires, affections, personality

Spirit – facilitates communion with God

Soul & Spirit Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

If Spirit is quenched, only soul is left as our guiding force and we will backslide.

Are we progressing/Stagnant/Backsliding?

backsliding believers

Galatians 4:9

But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

Backsliders Restored

Often through Chastening followed by Confession

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Mathew 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

God's Promise

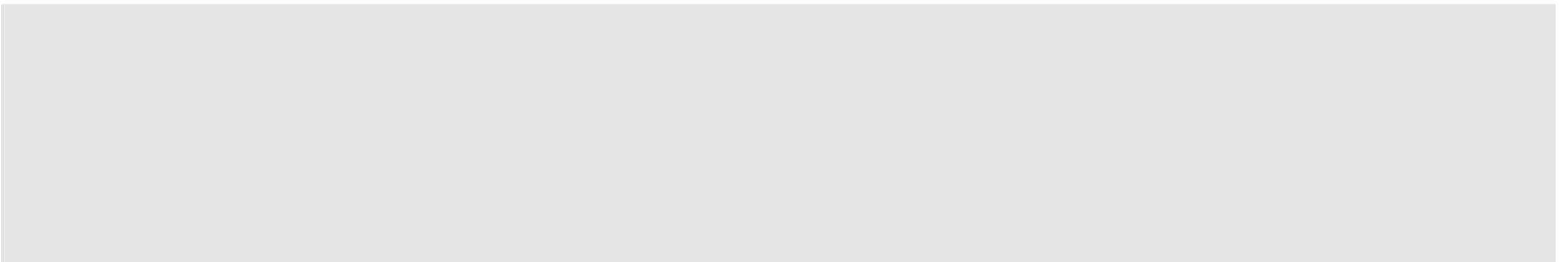
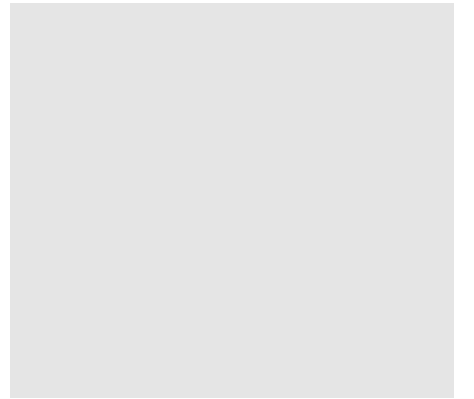
Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (24)

God is faithful to complete the work of Sanctification ...
God always completes what He starts.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Leviticus 20:8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you.

Closing Greetings (25-28)



Closing greetings

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Prayer request (okay to ask others to pray for our needs ... even Paul needed prayers)

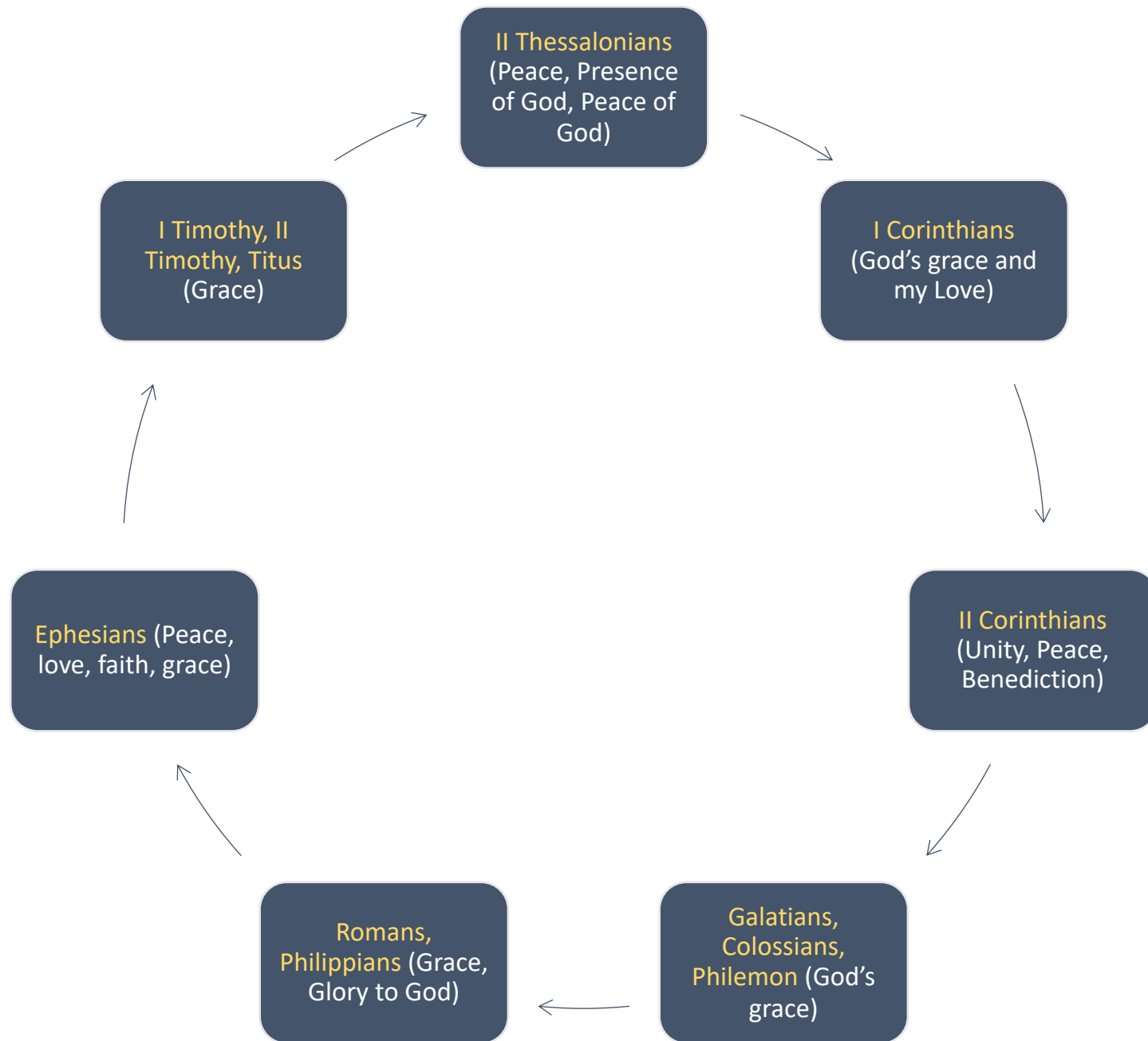
Greetings based on local culture (for Bethany, Praise the Lord! 😊)

Distribute the message to all believers (it is our duty to share the Word with others)

Blessing of God's abiding grace (1:1, letter begins and ends with grace)

Closing Greetings (from Paul's other Epistles)

How does Paul close other epistles?



II Thessalonians 3:16-18

PEACE, PRESENCE OF GOD, GRACE OF GOD

¹⁶ Now the Lord of peace himself give you **peace** always by all means. The **Lord be with you** all.

¹⁷ The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

I Corinthians 16:23-24

God's grace and My Love

²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

II Corinthians 13:11-14

UNITY, PEACE, BENEDICTION

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. ¹² Greet one another with an holy kiss.

¹³ All the saints salute you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Galatians 6:18

God's Grace

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

Romans 16:24-27

GRACE, MYSTERY REVEALED, GLORY TO GOD

²⁴ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. ²⁵ Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, ²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: ²⁷ To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Colossians 4:18

GRACE

¹⁸ The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Philemon 25

GRACE

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Ephesians 6:23-24

PEACE, LOVE, FAITH, GRACE

²³ Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Philippians 4:20-23

GLORY TO GOD & GRACE

²⁰ Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

²² All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

I Timothy 6:20-21

GRACE

²⁰ O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

²¹ Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

II Timothy 4:22

GRACE

The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Titus 3:15

GRACE

¹⁵ All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith.
Grace be with you all. Amen.

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A high-angle, wide shot of a rugged mountain range. The primary focus is a sharp, jagged peak in the foreground, heavily laden with snow and partially covered in dark, rocky outcrops. The mountain's ridges and gullies are intricately detailed with snow. In the background, a vast, layered mountain range stretches across the horizon under a clear, vibrant blue sky. The lighting is bright, creating strong shadows and highlights on the snow, which gives the scene a crisp, cold atmosphere.

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